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Beware 'Patriots' Setting 'Litmus Tests' for 'Truth'

THE WAY I SEE IT

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The "Letters to the Editor" in the July 14 & 21 issue of AFP provided an interesting illustration of how much diversity of opinion there is, even within the readership of AFP itself. And that diversity reflects — quite precisely — the wide-ranging points of view on a variety of matters of importance to those who follow what might be dubbed as "the truth movement."

Right now, let it be said, this diversity of opinion is a good thing. In recent years a few troublemakers have tried to set litmus tests to determine "who's a real patriot" and "who isn't" by asserting, for example, that if you believe children were actually killed at the Sandy Hook Elementary School on Dec. 14, 2012 you may be a government agent or that you have been bought off, blackmailed or bullied by government agents.

Seriously. It's gotten that bad.

Even those who believe Adam Lanza was a mind-controlled patsy and that children were killed have been accused of having fallen for a great big hoax. In reality, they argue, no kids died and Lanza never existed in the first place.

However, if truth be told, a lot of these troublemakers who've been setting up these phony litmus tests are probably government agents themselves, trying to stir up trouble between real patriots.

The pattern of their behavior (and some most unusual behind-the-scenes connections) suggests they are working on behalf of a carefully crafted scheme laid out by Cass Sunstein and other high-level crisis management planners to infiltrate and disrupt communication within the truth movement by planting false stories and ridiculous claims making serious research into 9-11, the JFK assassination and other very real conspiracies look silly. Right now some good people are watching these "Sunsteiners" and hopefully, some day soon, they'll be able to name the names of these infiltrators.

But, in the meantime, we need to open debate among patriots, just as we saw in last week's AFP.

Dr. Adrian Krieg, one of the most respected voices in the truth movement, wrote in support of AFP's article about the abuse to which "truthers" have subjected families of those who say they lost children at Sandy Hook. Krieg recognizes — as AFP said from the beginning — that a lot of questions remain about this tragedy and that what Krieg described as "goofy conspiracy theories" don't help resolve the matter.

Tom Stahl's letter took issue with an AFP article "In Defense of the Death Penalty." Stahl made the point that "given some bad luck and some crooked cops and prosecutors, anyone . . . could wind up on death row." While some hardliners say, "put the criminals to death and if a few innocent folks get lost in the shuffle, so be it," there are a lot of AFP readers concerned about the growing police state and untrammeled misbehavior by law enforcement at all levels. So, in my opinion, Mr. Stahl has a very good point, though you may disagree with him.

And there was the thought-provoking letter from Ann Peters who took issue with a story citing criticisms of Barack Obama that, in her view, sounded like neoconservative propaganda out of Fox News and its owner, Rupert Murdoch, a front man for the Rothschild dynasty.

As AFP has warned, many patriots who don't like Obama have been sucked in by the pro-war and pro-imperialist line out of Fox News, cleverly wrapped in flag-waving rhetoric critical of Obama. Fox and its GOP allies, including some tea party folks, even attacked Obama for removing a bust of Zionist-controlled warmonger Winston Churchill from the White House, suggesting this was somehow "anti-American."

Irrational hatred of Obama — who has by no means been an exemplary president — might lead patriots down some paths into traps laid by Fox News and that's the implicit point made.

Good patriots will continue to disagree on many issues, ranging from taxes to what constitutes "real" money and what doesn't to matters such as the legalization of marijuana. Patriots will argue over religion and over social issues, too. Some patriots still believe the media's claim that Adolf Hitler killed 6 million Jews; others say that's nonsense.

The areas of disagreement (real and potential) are endless. But setting litmus tests for what is the "right" thing to believe and trying to enforce political correctness within the truth movement is a big mistake.

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